

Minutes of the Combined Health and Human Services Committee/Board Meeting

Thursday, February 24, 2005

Chair Duane Stamsta called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Duane Stamsta, Chair, Andy Kallin, Jim Jeskewitz, Bill Kramer, Sandy Wolff. **Absent:** Supervisor Rob Hutton

Board Members Present: Citizen Members Dennis Farrell, Chair, Dick Wutt, Dr. John Guy, JoAnn Weidmann, Mike O'Brien and Supervisors Duane Paulson, Vera Stroud, Duane Stamsta. **Absent:** Supervisor Mareth Kipp

Also Present: Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Health and Human Services Director Peter Schuler, Director of Veterans Services John Margowski, Public Health Division Manager Nancy Healy Haney, Administrative Services Division Manager Russell Kutz, Communicable Diseases Supervisor Rosie Schroeder, Epidemiologist Darren Rausch, Internal Audit Manager Lori Schubert, Principal Internal Auditor Jackie Siewert, and Long Term Care Manager Jack Bodien.

A moment of silence was held in honor of Joe Griffin. Duane Stamsta announced that visitation for Joe is on Monday, February 28, 2005 at 2:00 followed by a service at Community United Methodist Church in Elm Grove.

Committee Agenda Items

Approve Minutes of February 10, 2005

MOTION: Kramer moved, seconded by Jeskewitz to approve the minutes of February 10, 2005. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence

A notice of a public hearing to be held on March 2, 2005 at 4:00 at the Crown Plaza in Madison was passed around.

Announcements

The May 12th date for a meeting of the Health and Human Services has been changed to May 19th.

Executive Committee Report of 2-14-05

Supervisor Singert appeared and requested a resolution opposing AB 15 and SB 15 regarding using ethanol in gasoline production. It was also decided to write a letter to Secretary Bussalacchi regarding the timeliness of the plan for the East West / Zoo Interchange. Esler reported that he wrote the letter to Secretary Bussalacchi.

Meeting Approvals

MOTION: Wolff moved, seconded by Kramer to approve attendance of the HHS committee to attend the WPHA/WALHDAB Conference on May 16th through the 18th at the Marriott Madison West. Motion carried 5-0.

Board Agenda Items

Approve Minutes of January 27, 2005

MOTION: Paulson moved, seconded by Wutt to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2005 meeting. Motion carried 8-0.

Advisory Committee Reports

Wutt stated he attended a NAMI meeting last evening about OCD and wrist cutting presented by staff of Rogers Memorial Hospital.

Future Agenda Items

Weidmann requested that Schuler ask a staff member from the Corporation Counsel's Office to come and speak to the board regarding the legal side of Public Health statutes and the roles of the Public Health Division. This would be in conjunction with an invitation extended to State Health and Human Services Attorney Richard Sweet to discuss the Public Health State Statutes, focusing on the Board's roles and responsibilities.

Committee Agenda Items

Review and Accept the 2004 Annual Report of the Department of Veterans' Services

Director of Veterans' Services John Margowski went over the Annual Report. The total number of veterans in Waukesha County as of the 2002 census is 32,966. In 2004 there were 7,934 incoming phone calls and 3,387 clients came in to the office. A total of 174 referrals to other federal, state and county providers were made during the year and a total of 172 appearances on behalf of veterans were made during the year. Services are available to approximately 50% of this population. Margowski continued by going over the VA payments for the last fiscal year. He explained that state programs are down because of restrictions placed on them due to the Veterans Trust Fund cash flow problems and the low interest earned on trust fund investments. The amount of a loan has been reduced from \$25,000 to \$5,000. Also because of the low interest rates, many veterans are not taking advantage of VA housing loans. The education grant is 100% reimbursement as long as the student attends a state college and maintains a C average. The retraining grant is for those veterans who were underemployed so that they can go be to school for training – it must be a technical school, is a two year program and based on financial need.

MOTION: Kallin moved, seconded by Kramer to approve the report of the Department of Veterans' Services. Motion carried 5-0.

Joint Committee/Board Agenda Items

Pertussis Update

Rosie Schroeder and Dr. Nancy Healy Haney reported on the 2004 Pertussis outbreak. They passed out copies of the report to all members. The most vulnerable are those children under 1 year of age who have not been vaccinated. In an average year we would have 14 cases in Waukesha however through February of this year we have had 502 cases, 488 of which were in 2004 and 14 thus far in 2005. The highest period was July 25th through August 21st when an average of 31 cases were reported per week. The vaccine is not the most effective and it seems to lose its effectiveness in 5 to 10 years after the last dose. The Pertussis vaccine can be given

through age 6; age 7 and up cannot receive the current vaccine because of side effects. The report also contained statistical information regarding ages of children and municipalities.

Waukesha County Public Health Trends

A handout was given to all members. Darren Rausch read over the report. He gave comparisons between the national leading causes of death and those in Waukesha County. The comparisons of the five areas as reported on the health card are listed on pages 2 and 3 of the handout. Dr. Healy Haney stated that we have seen an increase in atypical tuberculosis and there have been the new trends, i.e. West Nile, SARS, Monkeypox, atypical influenza. Diseases are spreading from animal to man. As we speak, the Division is putting together a clinic to immunize 20 children and 5 adults because a child in a day care center was found to have an active case of Hepatitis A. They also just received a report that 30% of the children in a school in Merton are out with nausea and diarrhea that they will be looking into. Dr. Healy Haney stated that they have continued pressures from the Latino population – getting documents and information translated so as to get those children immunized. There is also an increase in mothers who have serious mental illness and/or developmentally challenged persons having children.

DD Waiting List

Long Term Care Division Manager Jack Bodien spoke on the Wisconsin Council on Developmental Disabilities 2004 DD Plan and Budget Report that is prepared on a yearly basis. Jack reported that we have twice as many people on the waiting list for the Family Support Program as those we are serving. He also pointed out that in 2003 we were serving 330 clients with respite care with 11 on the waiting list and as of today we now have 44 on the waiting list. Jack explained that once a year we update our waiting list to determine how many people we have waiting and for what services. The bulk of dollars spent are in residential services. The Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee will be presenting to the Committee and Board on March 31st their needs list and they will be addressing the waiting list.

Long Term Care Division Audit

All Committee and Board members received a copy of the January 2005 Long Term Care Division Audit Report. Internal Audit Manager Lori Schubert discussed this report with the committee and board members. The goal of the Long Term Care Division is to keep frail elderly, physically disabled, developmentally disabled individuals in the community. The Long Term Care Division comprises 10% of the DHHS levy amount, and 44% of the total expenditures. The scope of the audit included, 1) an assessment of the adequacy and efficiency of case management efforts in the Long Term Care Division, 2) a review of the services provided, and 3) a comparison of services provided by Waukesha County with those of other counties including wait list statistics. A description of the services provided begins on page 5 of the report. The analysis of the audit reflects that the Division could recoup an additional \$300,000 per year in case management revenues by better capturing and documenting the work currently being performed by case managers. Overall the audit revealed a well-managed and run array of programs with a high quality staff.

Motion to Adjourn

Kallin moved seconded by Kramer to adjourn the meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee at 3:45 p.m. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion to Adjourn

Wutt moved seconded by Weidmann to adjourn the meeting of the Health and Human Services Board at 3:45 p.m. Motion carried: 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew J. Kallin
Secretary for the Committee